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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Cain

Application No.: 09/455,955

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Title: System, Device and Method for Distributing
Link State Information in a Communication Network

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Examiner: Juntima

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of March 18, 2003, please amend this application as follows:

In the Drawings:

Corrected drawings are attached.

In the claims:

8. (Original) The device of claim 7, wherein the link state protocol comprises:

link state distribution logic operably coupled to generate link state advertisement protocol messages; and

sliding window logic responsive to the link state distribution logic and operably coupled to maintain a sliding window for sending up to a predetermined maximum number of link state